
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Governor Tawes, who began his public career as the clerk of court in Somerset County, maintained a continuing interest in judicial administration and law enforcement throughout his years as Governor of the State. In particular, he was a strong advocate of greater uniformity in local judicial organization and operation.

In line with the emphasis he placed on traffic safety, the Governor was dedicated to strengthening the Maryland State Police. During his first term, the authorized strength of the State Police was increased by 40 men annually. Salary increases and added retirement benefits also were obtained as part of an effort to attract well-qualified young men to a career as State Troopers. It was the Governor's contention that the Maryland State Police represents one of the nation's outstanding law enforcement agencies and it was his purpose to insure that the force retained that standing.

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I am delighted to be here today for these graduation exercises under these beautiful oak trees on the quadrangle of the headquarters of the Maryland State Police.

I wish to congratulate each of you members of the 42nd graduating class on your successful completion of the intensive course of instruction which you pursued here at the Police Academy during the past six months. Your class, I understand, has established a record in that all 35 members who started the class are here today to receive their diplomas. This not only reflects credit on the selection board which passed upon your application, but it reflects credit on each one of you for the exercise of determination and fortitude in battling every inch of the way to overcome the obstacles in your path.

You men who have chosen the State Police as your profession are to be congratulated. Today, you will become a member of a dedicated